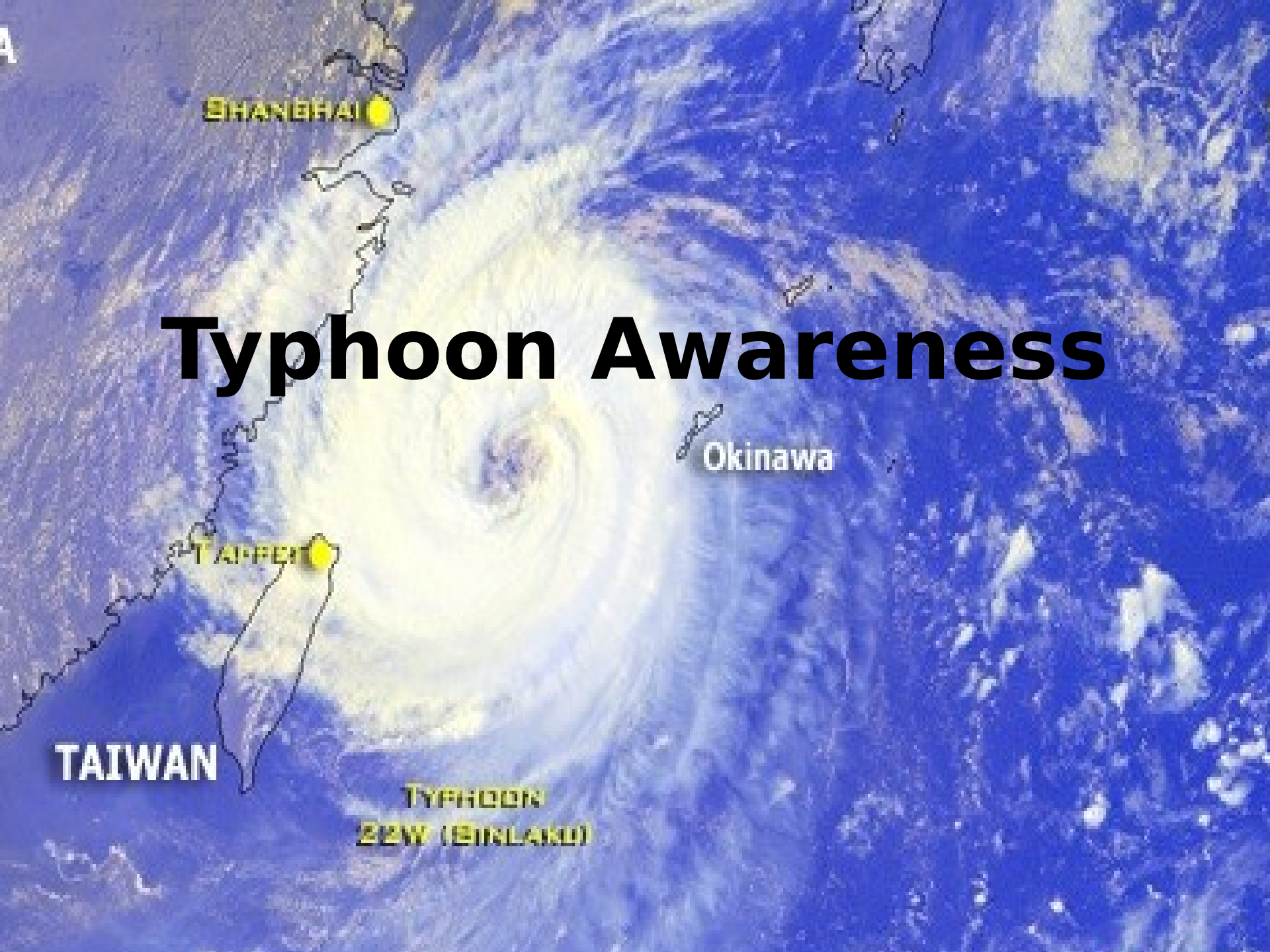

Typhoon Awareness

General Information

Typhoon Season: 1 June - 30 November

- Typhoons can occur at anytime during the year.

- The greatest concentration is August-September

- As many as 26 typhoons form each season.

- Normally 3-4 pass close enough to Okinawa to cause concern.

Tropical Cyclones

Tropical Depression: 33 kts or less

Tropical Storm: 34 - 63 kts

Typhoon: 64 - 129 kts

Super Typhoon: 130 kts or greate

Average Western Pacific Tracks

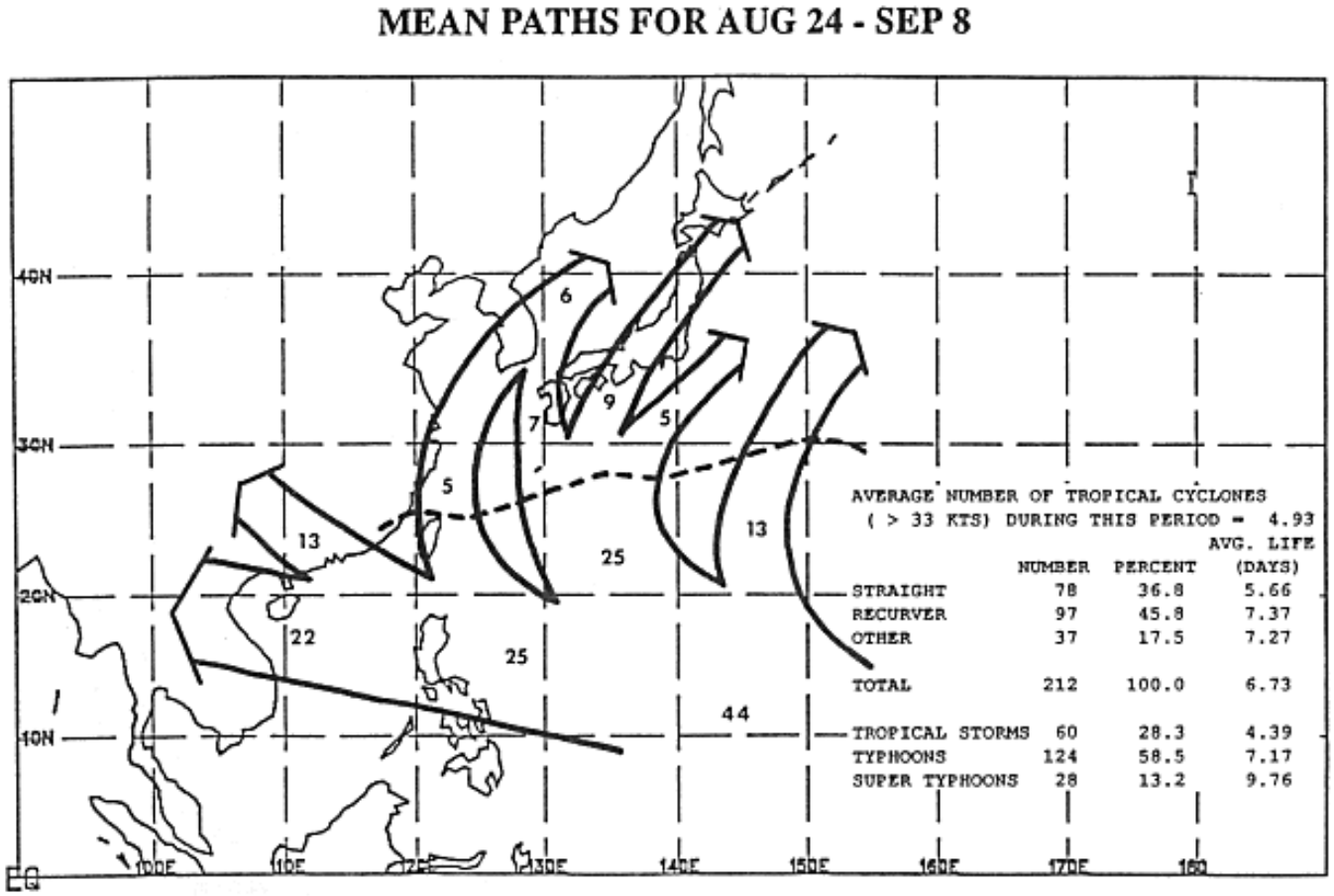

Figure A-18.

Mean tropical cyclone (> 33 kts) path. Numbers represent the percentage of tropical cyclones (> 33 kts) which followed the indicated path. These numbers may not add up to 100% since not all tropical cyclones (> 33 kts) follow a mean path and some develop/dissipate along a path. Tracks which contained less than 5% of the tropical cyclones (> 33 kts) are ignored. Dashed line represents mean recurvature position of tropical cyclones (> 33 kts) classified as recurvers.

Tropical Cyclone Condition of Readiness (TCCOR)

- TCCOR's are issued to provide service members on Okinawa warning of an approaching Tropical Cyclone, so necessary precautions can be made to protect life and property.

- TCCOR's are issued for all bases and camps on Okinawa by the 18th Wing Commander on Kadena Air Base.

  * The CG of MCB Butler and CO of MCAS Futenma can establish a higher restriction level than the set TCCOR however, this is normally not done.

- All bases and camps on Okinawa are in TCCOR 4 during Typhoon

Tropical Cyclone Condition of Readiness (TCCOR)

TCCOR IV (TC 4)- Destructive winds of 50 knots or greater possible within 72 hours. Stock up on food, bottled water, dry milk, batteries, flashlights, candles and other emergency supplies.

TCCOR III (TC 3)- Destructive winds of 50 knots or greater expected within 48 hours. Initiate a general clean-up around your home, apartment and office. Pick up loose items, such as toys, garden tools and lawn furniture.

TCCOR II (TC 2)- Destructive winds of 50 knots or greater anticipated within 24 hours. Secure all outdoor property such as picnic tables, barbecue grills, etc.

TCCOR I (TC 1)- Destructive winds of 50 knots or greater are expected within 12 hours. DODDs schools will close at this time. Make a final check of food, water and other supplies.

Tropical Cyclone Condition of Readiness (TCCOR)

TCCOR IC (TC 1 Caution) - Winds of 34 to 49 knots are occuring and expected to reach 50 knots or more within 12 hours. All outdoor activities except those in direct support of urgent military missions will be discontinued. The base exchange and commissary close and all non-mission-essential people should be off the streets and in their residences.

TCCOR IE (TC 1 Emergency) - Destructive winds of 50 knots or greater occurring. All outside activities are prohibited.

TCCOR IR (TC 1 Recovery) - Destructive winds of 50 knots are no longer occurring. Actual winds are 34-49 knots. No outdoor activity is authorized other than workers from pre-designated emergency crews.

Tropical Cyclone Condition of Readiness (TCCOR)

SW (TC Storm Watch) – There is still a possibility of danger to personne
orm's unpredictability or from hazards created by previous high winds.
may resume with caution two hours after declaration of STORM WATC
ed to AFN television and radio.

AC (TC All Clear) – Hazardous conditions and winds are no longer prese
be alert to possible damage and hazardous conditions on roads, etc. TC
affect from July 1 to November 30 every year.